

Remarks

With this Preliminary Amendment, new claims 18 – 29 are added. Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered prior to examination.

New Claims

New claims 18 - 29 have been added. Applicant believes the claims are allowable over the art of record. Support for claim 18 can be found in the originally filed specification at least at p. 9, lines 5 – 16 and p. 10, lines 3 – 14. Support for claims 19 – 21 can be found in the originally filed specification at least at p. 7, ll. 1 – 6. Support for claim 22 can be found in the originally filed specification at least at p. 6, ll. 2 – 13. Support for claims 23 – 26 can be found in the originally filed specification at least at p. 10, lines 7 – 31. Support for claims 27 – 29 can be found in the originally filed specification at least at p. 9, lines 5 – 30, p. 6, lines 9 – 13 and p. 12, lines 7 – 11.

Conclusion

Claims 1 – 7, 9, and 14 – 29 are currently pending in the application. Applicant believes that claims 1 – 7, 9, and 14 – 29 are in a condition for allowance. Applicant therefore requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

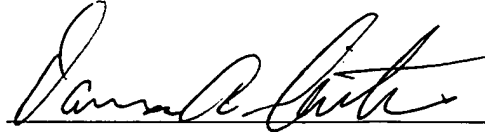
Applicants believe that additional fees of \$620.00 are due (for 2 independent claims and 4 total claims). The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees from or credit any overpayment to the undersigned's account no. 503199.

If the Examiner should require any additional information or amendment, please contact the undersigned attorney. If the Examiner believes any issues could be resolved via a telephone

interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 11, 2007

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